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1. The barracks occupied by the AAA regiment at Kosice is on the southern edge of the city, near the Kosice-Miskolc railroad, and road. It can take about 650 men.
2. The regiment has a staff consisting of: a political section, with a leader, four referendaries, four clerks and eight NCOs; a training section with a head, three officers, five NCOs and three clerks; a personnel section, with a head, four officers, four NCOs and four clerks; a defense section, consisting of a head and three officers; a finance section, with an intendant, two attached officers and three assistants; a quartermaster section of a head, two referendaries, five NCOs and three clerks.
3. There is a heavy machine gun battery, of four platoons, each having four squads, each squad armed with a heavy AA machine gun.
4. The 1st Section, light, has three batteries, each with 100 to 110 men. Each battery has three gun platoons, each platoon divided into three squads. This section has a total of four Maxim heavy machine guns, eight Skoda light machine guns and 18 automatic 37 mm guns. The soldiers are armed with Russian M-48 rifles produced by Skoda. Each battery has an M-48 range finder.
5. The 2nd Section, medium, has three batteries, each consisting of four gun platoons. Each platoon is divided into four squads, in each case the 1st Squad being the gun squad, the 2nd the munitions supply squad, the 3rd a range-finding and observation squad, and the 4th a machine gun and security squad. The total equipment of the section is three Maxim heavy machine guns, six Skoda light machine guns and twelve 85 mm AA guns. Each battery has a range-finder and a calculator.

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6. The men wear black shoulder boards bordered in red. They belong to the classes of 1930 to 1932 and 70 percent of them are Czechs.
7. During the summer of 1953 reservists were taken in for refresher training from classes up to that of 1926. There was also a course for reserve officers. The courses were in charge of a major. A special group to watch the reservists was organized by the political officer. Each of the three courses had 120 to 130 members and was divided into four platoons. These formations did not have their own weapons, but used those of the regular batteries as needed. They included officers from other arms, who were required to take a basic AA course.
8. During the first month all these reservists took basic infantry training.
9. The regiment is motorized, having eight armored cars, 21 trucks, and 16 Skoda prime movers.

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